(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Acharya Sushil Kumar has been seeking a non-violent solution within the framework of the Constitution to the Punjab problem. Government welcomes his move.

**Rehabilitation of November, 84 riot victims**

64. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh steps have been taken by the Central Government for the rehabilitation of November '84 riot victims;

(b) whether it is a fact that eleven children died during the past two years due to exposure or other diseases in Tilak Vihar Camp alone where the living conditions are horrible; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) (i) *Ad-hoc* relief at the rate of Rs. 400/- per month is being sanctioned to riot affected widows who could not be provided any employment or who are incapable of doing any job. Similarly *ad hoc* relief at the rate of Rs. 400/- is being sanctioned to aged riot affected persons who lost their earning/would be earning members.

(ii) The Govt. of India has decided to give *ex-gratia* amount at the rate of 50 per cent of the estimated loss subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- to those who lost their uninsured business properties during riots.

(b) and (c) According to the Delhi Administration no such case has come to their notice.

**Balance of trade position**

65. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the adverse trade balance gap by the end of the Seventh Plan;

(b) what has been the growth rate of exports and imports per quarter during the last three years; and

(c) what would this growth rate be during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) India's trade deficit during 1985-86, 1986-87 and April-December, 1987 amounted to Rs. 8763.10 crores, Rs. 7516.91 crores and Rs. 4913.37 crores respectively. It is difficult at this stage, to precisely estimate the trade deficit with which we will end the Seventh Plan period.

(b) and (c) The details of growth rate of exports and imports per quarter during the last 3 years and first three quarters of the current financial year are given below:

| | 1984-85 | | 1985-86 | | 1986-87(R) | | 1987-88(P) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Exports | Imports | Exports | Imp. | Exp. | Imp. | Exp. | Imp. |
| April-June | 9.1 | 11.5 | 4.7 | 22.6 | 7.3 | —1.9 | 29.9 | 10.9 |
| July-Sept. | 23.0 | 14.2 | —9.9 | 22.6 | 18.4 | —1.0 | 19.1 | 6.9 |
| Oct.—Dec. | 26.6 | 16.1 | —11.3 | 18.3 | 13.8 | —1.3 | 21.5 | 12.3 |
| January-March | 17.2 | —4.5 | —10.5 | —1.2 | 21.6 | +13.2 | .. | .. |

R : Revised
P : Provisional
Source : GDCI&S, Calcutta.